Getting to Know Our Faculty
An Interview with Dr. Tim Kinsella

What school(s) did you attend and what degree(s) did you earn?
Ph. D. American Studies Program CWRU 1983

What led you to choosing your field of study/studies?
Interest in History since 6th grade (influenced by teachers)
Interest in American Studies because of its interdisciplinary approach

Have you had any other careers before teaching at Ursuline? If so, where did you work/what did you do?
Construction work—laborer, accounts payable
City of Cleveland (Economic Development Division)
Cleveland State University Maxine Levin College of Urban Affairs (Research Associate and Teacher)

What do you like most about interacting with or teaching students?
Seeing them being able to identify a problem statement and a thesis
Seeing their interests come alive in reading a book, writing a paper, etc.

What do you like most about your program?
Students construct own program – it is interesting to see their areas of interest – and its interdisciplinary approach to learning

What ultimately led you to choosing a career in teaching?
Influenced by 6th and 8th grade teachers
Interest in the past and relation to present
Interest in raising questions about the past
Trying to help students think and write

What has been one of your proudest moments or accomplishments?
Receiving my Ph.D.
Getting a job here at Ursuline

What do you like about Ursuline?
People are very supportive, helpful
Willing to let you try out new ideas, courses, programs, etc.

What advice do you have for students while searching for a graduate program?
Find a comfortable environment in which to work and make sure to really enjoy the subject matter

What advice do you have for your current students?
Focus carefully on research design stages
Carefully read and “converse” with authors

Favorite class to teach: Sixties, Cleveland, Values and Expressions

Awards/Recognition:
UCAP Teacher of Year (twice)
Ursuline College Faculty of Year
Areas of Expertise: city, Cleveland, sixties

Professional Affiliations: Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP)

Fun Facts

Song/music genre: sixties music, folk, country

Color: blue

Vacation Spot: home

Sports Team: Indians, Browns, Cavs

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Season: Summer

Food: Pepperoni Pizza

Book/Author: The City by Lewis Mumford

TV Show/Movie: Doc Martin, Mary Tyler Moore

Animal/pet: Golden retriever

Historical figure: Abraham Lincoln